

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

(Currently Amended) 1. A portable pet bed comprising:

a generally laminar panel at least partially covered on one side with material adapted to be comfortable to a pet lying on the laminar panel;

a hinge formed in the laminar panel and dividing the panel into first and second portions on each side of the hinge, wherein the first and second portions can be folded toward one another into a closed position;

an [generally rigid] upstanding wall extending along a periphery of one of the portions of the laminar panel and proximal the hinge, wherein, in an open position, the upstanding wall encloses only the portion of the panel from which it extends and, in the closed position, the first and second portions of the panel and the upstanding wall define an enclosure in which items may be transported;

at least one closure for securing the first and second portions of the panel in the closed position; and

a handle for transporting the pet bed with the panels in the closed position.

(Original) 2. The portable pet bed according to claim 1, wherein the panel is rigid and generally rectangular.

(Original) 3. The portable pet bed according to claim 1, wherein the panel is covered on the one side with fleece that is selectively removable from the panel.

(Original) 4. The portable pet bed according to claim 1, wherein the closure comprises a zipper.

(Currently Amended) 5. A portable pet bed comprising:
a first panel having a periphery;
a second panel of generally the same size as the first panel;
a hinge member coupling the first and second panels, wherein the first panel and second panel can be folded toward one another into a closed position;
an [generally rigid] upstanding wall extending along the periphery of the first panel, wherein, in the closed position, the first and second panels and the upstanding wall define an enclosure in which items may be transported and, in an open position, the first and second panels lie in a generally coplanar relationship and only the first panel is bounded by the upstanding wall;
at least one closure for securing the first and second panels in the closed position;
and
a handle for transporting the pet bed with the panels in the closed position.

(Previously Amended) 6. The portable pet bed according to claim 5, wherein each of the first and second panels is rigid and generally rectangular and has a pair of long edges and a pair of short edges.

(Previously Amended) 7. The portable pet bed according to claim 6, wherein the hinge member connects one long edge of the first panel to one long edge of the second panel.

(Original) 8. The portable pet bed according to claim 7, wherein the upstanding wall extends along the long edge of the first panel opposite the hinge member and along the two short edges of the first panel.

(Previously Amended) 9. The portable pet bed according to claim 7, wherein the handle is disposed on the portion of the upstanding wall extending along the long edge of the first panel.

(Previously Amended) 10. The portable pet bed according to claim 7, wherein the closure comprises a zipper disposed between the edge of the second panel and the upstanding wall.

(Original) 11. The portable pet bed according to claim 5, wherein the panels are covered on one side with fleece that is selectively removable from the panel.

(Currently Amended) 12. A portable pet bed comprising:
an upper generally rigid and laminar rectangular panel;
a lower generally rigid and laminar rectangular panel;
a medial rigid and laminar rectangular panel ;
an [generally rigid] upstanding wall extending about three of the sides of the lower panel at the edges thereof, the upstanding wall having a height approximately equal to the width of the medial panel;
a pair of hinges, each hinge connecting a long edge of the medial panel to long edges of the upper and lower panels, wherein the upper and lower panels are movable about the hinges from an open position in which the upper and lower panels are generally coplanar with the medial panel, and a closed position in which the upper panel abuts the upstanding wall and an enclosure is defined within the upstanding wall, upper panel, lower panel, and medial panel;
a closure for securing the panels in the closed position; and
a handle for transporting the pet bed in the closed position.

(Original) 13. The pet bed according to claim 12, wherein the upper, lower, and medial panels are covered on one side with a fabric material adapted to provided a comfortable surface for the pet to lie upon when the pet bed is in the open position.

(Original) 14. The pet bed according to claim 12, wherein the closure is a zipper that secures the periphery of the upper panel to the periphery of the upstanding wall.

(Original) 15. The portable pet bed according to claim 13, wherein the fabric material is fleece that is selectively removable from the panel.